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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, February 28, 2008**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley **(ABS)**  
Mohamed Okdie  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
AC Robert Dunlap  
Cmdr. James White  
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner  
Cmdr. Frankie Lewis  
Lt. Charles Wilson  
Lt. Timothy Anderson  
Lt. Darwin Roche  
Lt. Terry Herbert  
Lt. Whitney Walton  
Sgt. Gerard Franklin  
Sgt. Kevin Miller  
Sgt. Shelia Nelson  
Sgt. Daran Carey  
Sgt. Melinee Long-Thomason  
Sgt. Romel Alexander  
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass  
Sgt. Sherley Bledsoe  
Sgt. Mary Baritche  
Sgt. Lora Stanton  
PO Sophia Nelms  
PO Randall Overton

PO Malinda Madison  
Atty. Grant Ha

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. (ABS)  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator (ABS)  
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Scott  
Edward Moore  
Tawanna Morris

**RECORDERS**

Gary Gajeski  
Robert Brown

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:12 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for February 28, 2008, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for February 21, 2008, were not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

#### **4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

##### **1. CHAIRPERSON**

##### **2. SECRETARY REPORT**

#### **SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF POLICE OFFICER COLLIN EATON, BADGE 4871, ASSIGNED TO NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT**

On December 14, 2007, Internal Affairs was notified of an allegation of misconduct concerning Police Officer Collin Eaton, badge 4871, assigned to Northwestern District. The allegation concerned the following conduct:

On December 14, 2007, Internal Affairs Alert Team responded to Northwestern District regarding an anonymous allegation that Officer Eaton had admitted to sexually assaulting his two stepdaughters (hereinafter, complainant 1 and 2) and had checked himself into the Detroit Receiving Hospital, Crisis Center. Internal Affairs responded to Northwestern District, and was told by Lieutenant Geraldine Atkinson, badge L-24, assigned to Northwestern District, that Officer Eaton requested eight hours of Compensatory Time due to a family emergency. The Alert team responded to DRH and spoke to the staff who confirmed that Officer Eaton was at the hospital waiting to be interviewed by a doctor, and he refused to speak to members of Internal Affairs.

On January 30, 2008, the school psychologist informed Internal Affairs that complainant #1, a minor child, said that she was sexually abused by her step-father, Officer Eaton.

On February 15, 2008, an uncle of the victim was interviewed and he stated that Officer Eaton telephoned him and stated that he was going to kill himself. The uncle went to Officer Eaton's home and he (Officer Eaton) informed him that he forced complainant #2 to have sex with him and that his wife came home and caught him. On this same date, both complainants admitted to being sexually assaulted by Officer Eaton.

On February 22, 2008, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office recommended the issuance of two felony warrants charging Officer Eaton with six (6) counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree and two (2) counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree. Subsequently, Magistrate Charles W. Anderson III, of the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, signed Felony Warrant #08-56930 and #08-56931 for the recommended charges. On this same date, at the Office of Internal Affairs, Officer Eaton was arrested and suspended with pay.

On February 23, 2008, Officer Eaton was arraigned before Magistrate Renee R. McDuffee, of the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court and a plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf, and bond was set at \$100,000/10% for each warrant.

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that Officer Eaton be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

**CHARGE: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS; THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE 2003 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3 – 7.9, CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMAND 1.**

Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Police Officer Collin Eaton without pay, effective February 28, 2008.

**Unless contravened by this Board the suspension without pay shall stand.**

**There were no contraventions.**

**SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF INVESTIGATOR JOSEPH ROCHA, BADGE I-210, ASSIGNED TO THE NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS**

On February 16, 2008, Internal Affairs was notified by Police Medical that on February 11, 2008, Investigator Joseph Rocha, badge I-220, assigned to Northeastern District Investigative Operations provided a urine specimen which tested positive and confirmed for Cocaine Metabolites through Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectroscopy (GS/MS). An aliquot of the specimen was forwarded to LabCorp/Roche Laboratory for a second confirmatory analysis.

Also on February 16, 2008, Investigator Rocha was informed of his positive test and suspended from the Detroit Police Department.

On February 22, 2008, Internal Affairs was notified that the second confirmatory analysis confirmed a Cocaine Metabolite level of 3,430 ng/ml.

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that Investigator Rocha be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

**CHARGE: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS; THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE 2003 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3 – 7.9, CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMAND 1.**

Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Investigator Joseph Rocha without pay, effective February 28, 2008.

**Unless contravened by this Board the suspension without pay shall stand.**

**There were no contraventions.**

**SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF POLICE OFFICER MITCHELL QUINN,  
BADGE 3005, ASSIGNED TO HOMICIDE**

On February 19, 2008, the Internal Affairs Alert Team was directed to respond to the Northwestern District regarding an allegation of Felonious Assault/Domestic Violence committed by Police Officer Mitchell Quinn, badge 3005, assigned to Homicide.

On this same date, Officer Quinn's wife, Police Officer Nicholle Quinn, badge 561, assigned to the Western District made a Crisnet report at the Northwestern District, alleging that her husband pointed his department issued weapon at her head during a verbal argument about several emails. When Officer Nicholle Quinn attempted to make a 911 call on her cellular phone, Officer Mitchell Quinn grabbed her phone and broke it. Later, Officer Mitchell Quinn then threw his gun against the wall.

On the following day, Officer Mitchell Quinn's son told the Wayne County Prosecutor's office that he observed his father point a gun at his mother and push her down. The Honorable Magistrate Sidney Barthwell Jr., of the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, signed felony warrant #08-56835, which recommended one (1) count of Felonious Assault and one (1) count of Felony Firearm.

On February 20, 2008, Officer Mitchell Quinn was suspended from the Detroit Police Department. Later on this date, Officer Mitchell Quinn was arraigned via video before Magistrate Charles Anderson III, of the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court. He was released on a \$5,000.00 personal bond with a no contact provision. The preliminary examination is scheduled for March 4, 2008.

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that Officer Mitchell Quinn be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

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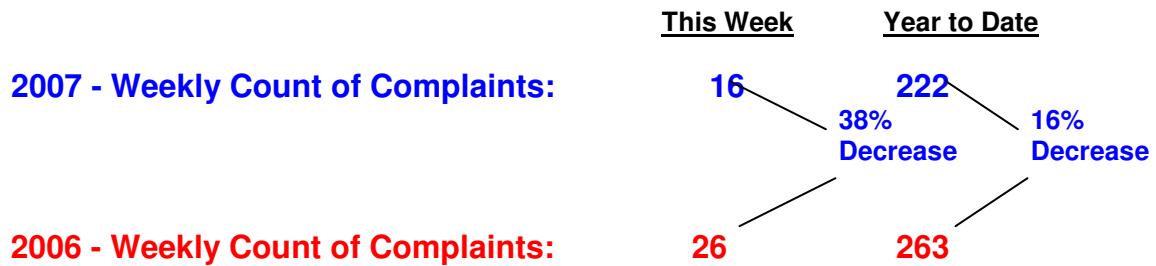
Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Police Officer Mitchell Quinn without pay, effective February 28, 2008.

**Unless contravened by this Board the suspension without pay shall stand.**

**There were no contraventions.**

**Exec Dir. Goss** stated that Officer Quinn has requested a closed door session for March, 6 2008.

## CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,376 active investigations, of which 207 of those are for 2008.

## TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 02/28/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	CENTRAL							1		1	2
3	EASTERN	1	1				3				5
1	HOMICIDE		1								1
1	NARCOTICS	1			1						2
2	NORTHWESTERN						1			2	3
4	Unknown Command		1		1		1			1	4
1	VICE ENFORCEMENT		1				1				
2	WESTERN				1					1	2
16		2	4		3		6	1		5	21

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



### Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of February 18, 2008 through February 24, 2008, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 39 search warrants and 33 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 42 Felony arrests
- 112 Misdemeanor arrests
- 4 Juveniles detained

#### Confiscated:

- 748.00 grams of cocaine, 53.1 grams of heroin, 1,258.20 grams of marijuana and 2068 pills, with a total street value:
- \$ 420,492.80
- \$ 14,152.00 in U.S. Currency
- 15 Handguns



### Engaging the Community

### Special Honors

Since my tenure as Chief of Police, at the forefront of my directions to the leadership of the Police Department is that recognition is given to the men and women of this department when they do outstanding work. Once again, one of our members has risen to the top and represented the Detroit Police Department in a positive light throughout the state of Michigan.

Please join me in congratulating Police Officer Christopher Gibson, of the Central District, for being selected by the prestigious Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (M.A.C.P.) for the Excellence in Environmental Crime Enforcement Award for 2007. In addition to his outstanding work as an Environmental Officer, Officer Gibson was assigned to the Copper Theft Task Force. He was instrumental in identifying a loop hole in the City Ordinance on regulating junk dealers and metal processors. The environmental issue is not only a quality of life issue, but the financial burden and public safety endangerment perpetrated by this crime has a tremendous impact on our residential and business community. A new City Ordinance was enacted last year, and it has been significant in the Department's effort to combat copper theft in the city of Detroit. Kudos to Officer Gibson.

**Keep up the good work!**

"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

## Detroit Police Department

### Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

#### ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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#### Special points of interest:

- **Next meeting:**  
Thursday, March 6, 2008  
@ 3:00 P.M.
- Detroit Police Department**  
**1300 Beaubien St.**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48226**



## *Police / Community Intervention*

FEBRUARY 28, 2008

### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On February 22nd, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 6000 block of Fischer on a possible "Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile & Kidnapping". Following an intense search by the officers, two subjects were apprehended and charged with sixteen counts of (1) Criminal Sexual Conduct, (2) Armed Robbery, (3) Carjacking, (4) Kidnapping, (5) Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and (6) Felony Firearm. In addition, one subject was also charged with "Felon in Possession" and "Habitual Offender 3rd."



### Domestic Violence

On February 19th, officers from Eastern District responded to the 10000 block of Peerless on "Domestic Violence" which resulted in an arrest. As a result of the investigation conducted by Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with (1) Felonious Assault, (2) Interfering with a Crime Report, and (3) Domestic Violence.

### NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On February 21st, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 19000 block of Joy Road on a "Breaking & Entering of a Business." As a result of the officers' investigation, two subjects were arrested. Subject #1 was charged with (1) Breaking & Entering a Building, and subject #2 was also charged with (1) Breaking & Entering a Building and (2) Habitual Offender 2nd.

### CENTRAL DISTRICT

On February 20th, officers of the Central District responded to the 600 block of West Canfield regarding "Person Tampering with Gas Meter." Upon arrival and subsequent observations, the officers arrested two subjects who were later charged with Public Utility Fraud.



### SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On February 21st, officers of the Southwestern District were on patrol in the 4000 block of Braden when they observed a vehicle wanted in an "Armed Robbery." Due to the officers' keen observation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Murder, (2) Assault with Intent to Robbery Armed, (3) Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm, (4) Felonious Assault, (5) Felon in Possession, and (6) Felony Firearm.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** introduced Lt. Anderson of the Court Liaison department.

**Lt. Anderson** introduced his staff, and gave a brief overview of the primary functions of the Court Liaison Department. The Department consists of several units and details.

**(SEE ATTACHMENT)**

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked to know the operational time of the warrant section.

**Lt. Anderson** stated it is open 24 hours.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked to know how the warrants are removed from the system.

**Lt. Anderson** stated a police officer removes them from the LIEN system.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked to know the process to remove a warrant from the system when an individual is picked up on a warrant.

**Lt. Anderson** stated that individuals must call the Warrant Detail Section to have that warrant removed.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked if there was a tracking system in place.

**Lt. Anderson** stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court uses the Odyssey System to track the process of the arraignments, and they have access to it. It's in a read-only mode.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked is it working.

**Lt. Anderson** stated yes.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked is there anything he needs to make his section 100% operational.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated he probably is going to say more people.

**Lt. Anderson** thanked the Chief for responding to that question.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how many members are there in his unit.

**Lt. Anderson** stated 39 officers, 5 sergeants, and 1 lieutenant.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how many are you budgeted for.

**Lt. Anderson** stated for 44 officers.

**Comm. Okdie** asked if his unit conveys the prisoners to court within the building.

**Lt. Anderson** stated no, sir.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked if those police officers who check in for court falls within his section.

**Lt. Anderson** stated yes. There are sign-in sheets located at 36<sup>th</sup> District Court and 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated don't the officers receive a subpoena to show up for court.

**Lt. Anderson** stated yes, ma'am.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked are they told to get there at a certain time or just show up at 8:00 am in the morning.

**Lt. Anderson** stated according to the department manual, the language states that the officer should appear in court at the time that is stated on their subpoena.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated a lot of the complaints that are received by OCI state the cases are dismissed because the police officers failed to show up for court.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated the department is currently tracking this because there are number of different reasons that the officer didn't show up, and they are addressing those concerns. Lt. Anderson's office is responsible for forwarding all the names of the officers who do not show up for court.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked who is responsible for sending out the subpoenas and informing the officers.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated the supervisors are responsible to have the officers sign the subpoena. But it's the court that faxes over the subpoenas to the districts and there is no one minding the fax machine. If the paper happens to fall on the floor they are sometimes tossed. There needs to be a better tracking system between the department and the court.

**Lt. Anderson** stated lately his unit has been able to match the court records with their records with the assistance of Director Ducker.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. GRANT: EASTERN DISTRICT, CENTRAL DISTRICT, NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT, SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT, WESTERN DISTRICT, AND DETROIT POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICES' REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A METLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT (Several Commands applying for the same Grant)**

MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) are partnering for the seventh year to recognize, sustain and share the work of innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization. Through this awards program, MetLife Foundation and LISC will identify and honor partnerships that exhibit tangible accomplishments in their efforts to advance the process, outcome, and/or evaluation of potent police-community collaborations. Eligible applicants must be member organizations of partnerships that include, but need not be limited to, community organizations and police.

The MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards include two separate categories which emphasize different models of community-police collaboration. Applicants can apply under two separate award categories:

1. Neighborhood Revitalization Awards: Six monetary awards ranging from \$10,000.00-\$25,000.00 each will recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yields crime reduction as well as economic development outcomes, such as real estate development, business attraction and job growth. Winners of the Neighborhood Revitalization Awards agree to hold a local event in the summer or fall of 2008 to announce their award.
2. Special Strategy Awards: Five monetary awards of \$15,000.00 each recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yield significant public safety outcomes in one or more of the following areas:
  - Applied Technology
  - Aesthetics and Greenspace Improvement
  - Diversity Inclusion & Integration
  - Drug Market Disruption
  - Gang Prevention & Youth Safety

- Seniors & Safety
- School Safety

Eastern District, Central District, Northeastern District, Northwestern District, Southwestern District, Western District, and Detroit Police Community Services are currently in the process of preparing a grant application that meets the guidelines. These applications will be prepared and submitted by the grant deadline of Friday, February 29, 2008.

In the event that approval is granted to apply and the award is received, Deputy Chief Joyce Motley of Eastern District, Deputy Chief Shereece Fleming-Freeman of Central District, Deputy Chief Chester Logan of Northeastern District, Deputy Chief Leon Moore of Northwestern District, Deputy Chief Claudia Barden-Jackson of Southwestern District, Deputy Chief William Hudson of Western District, and Lieutenant Terry Herbert, of Detroit Police Community Services, will serve as the project directors.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting these applications.

The Grant was not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

## **2. GRANT: REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THE WAL-MART & SAM'S CLUB FOUNDATION FOR "SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD HEREOS GRANT"**

On November 23, 2007, the Detroit Police Department received an award from the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Foundation, located at 31720 Gratiot, Roseville, Michigan in the amount of \$500.00 with no cash match.

The grant's funding will pay for the production of the Detroit Police Department's Crime Victim and Family Survivor Guides to be distributed by the Detroit Police Homicide. The guide is designed to educate the family on the investigative process and identify resources available to them. Additionally, the guide will aid in improving the relationship between the Detroit Police Department and the community by acknowledging our concern for the victim's family during their time of need. The guides will be given to a designated family member within 24 hours of notification.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Lt. Kevin Kemp of Homicide would serve as a project director.

The Grant was not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated is there something in the manual that states if an individual is stopped and can't show proof of insurance that the officer can have that vehicle towed.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated she doesn't believe there is anything in the manual stating that. The problem with that is there are people who don't have their insurance with them, but that doesn't mean that they don't have insurance. There is no way that a traffic officer can verify that one way or the other. So in all probability, they would issue a ticket for no proof of insurance.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated given a ticket she understands.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated she has never heard of an officer towing a car because the driver failed to show proof of insurance.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated maybe there needs to be a policy stating that you can't tow a vehicle for proof of insurance only.

#### 8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 6, 2008, @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

#### 10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

**T. Morris** stated she has seen a big improvement between the department and the community.

**E. Moore** stated that Councilman Kenyetta's sends his greeting and his door is always open.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**

Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**